

**Idaho State Historical Society
State Historic Preservation Office
Quarterly Report
July through September 2001**

NATIONAL REGISTER

- Five properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places: Metal Truss Highway Bridges of Idaho Multiple Property Documentation and the 9th Street Bridge, Boise, Ada County; Sandpoint Federal Building, Sandpoint, Bonner County; Eastern Idaho District Fair Historic District, Blackfoot, Bingham County; Kootenai County Jail, Rathdrum, Kootenai County; Riggins Motel, Riggins, Idaho County.
- Tricia spent considerable time this quarter preparing a large agenda for the September State Historic Sites Review Board. The Board met in American Falls on September 21, 2001, and reviewed and approved the following 9 properties: American Falls Submerged Original Townsite, Power County; Twin Falls Original Townsite Residential Historic District, Twin falls County; Arco Baptist Community Church, Butte County; Edwards/Gillette Barn, Washington County; Farragut Naval Training Station Brig, Kootenai County; Hotel Reitman, Latah County; Kenworthy Theater, Latah County; Louisa Dam, Owyhee County; and the Nu Art Theater, Latah County.
- Tricia completed and received the final printed copies of the *Supplementary Manual for Completing National Register Nomination in Idaho*. This manual will be distributed to all architectural/historical consultants and the CLGs.

SURVEY AND INVENTORY

- As a result of cultural resource reports submitted, 2069 acres surveyed at the intensive level and three acres at the reconnaissance level have been added to the state inventory. More archaeological sites than ever before, a total of 1,167, were added to the state inventory. This influx is largely due to fire rehabilitation efforts on public land.
- Archaeological site forms for nine counties have now been scanned and are henceforth accessed via compact discs. The original forms for these sites are now kept at the Idaho State Historical Society archives building.
- Accessions made to the **Idaho Historic Sites Inventory (IHSI)** during this quarter total 124 properties. The total number of inventoried acres reported is 131 at the reconnaissance level and 25 at the intensive level. These accessions represent survey projects/reports submitted by Certified Local Governments.

- Along with the IHSI accessions, the Historic Sites Registrar appropriately archived photographs, negatives and slides associated with the surveys.
- In addition to accessions made to the IHSI, progress, again, has been made this quarter with regard to the data entry of site records into the IHSI electronic database. Candace reports that she has completed entering site records from an additional four counties this quarter. They are: Bear Lake County (247 sites recorded and entered); Elmore County (284 sites recorded and entered); Oneida County (77 sites recorded and entered); and Teton County (75 sites recorded and entered). Candace also has begun to enter site records for Ada County. Currently, 57 records have been entered thus far; thousands remain.
- Architectural/historic site records are continuing to be submitted to the Historic Sites Registrar in database form. At the same time, several agencies and consultants have requested the database template and manual.

ADMINISTRATION

- As it stands in Congress, the Historic Preservation Fund will be facing a 16.73% cut for federal FY2002. This translates to \$603,000 for Idaho's SHPO program, approximately \$100,000 less than FY2001, but \$100,000 more than FY2000.
- Hopes that more money would be infused into the HPF through enactment of CARA have dimmed as Congress focuses on national security issues.
- Thanks go to Trustee Gene Place for making another generous donation to our program.

COVENANTS AND EASEMENTS

- An unveiling of new window art was held at the Egyptian Theater on Sept. 6, 2001.
- Staff consulted with Departments of Administration and Parks and Recreation on plans proposed for buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Buildings include the Capitol, Alexander House, and Harriman Cottage at Harriman State Park. The Capitol and Alexander House were previous recipients of HPF funds for development grants.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Much consultation took place with representatives of CLG as the grant period draws to a close. A complete list of FY01 grants will be distributed with next quarter's report.

TAX ACT PROGRAM

- Part 1: Masonic Hall, Boise
- Part 2: Masonic Hall, Boise
- Part 3: Masonic Hall, Boise
- Sandpoint Federal Building (approved by NPS)
- 519/521 S. 8th St., Boise (approved by NPS)

PLANNING

- In mid-August Ken met with INEEL and Dept. of Energy staff and tribal representatives from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe on the Big Lost River to evaluate excavation plans and alternatives for several proposed stratigraphic trenches for a planned hydrological study of flood history.
- Ken, Suzi, and Don met with Transportation Department officials to initiate the upcoming TEA-21 project: a survey inventory update of Idaho's historic bridges. It is hoped this project will establish a consistent database for evaluating the state's remaining historic structures and to plan for their future disposition.
- Ken met with the Idaho National Guard, Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, and BLM at Gowen Field to review their draft cultural resources management plan for Idaho Army National Guard lands.
- Ken and Suzi met with Idaho Power Company environmental staff to review protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures for the Hells Canyon Complex as part of the FERC relicensing process.
- Don met numerous times throughout July and August as a member of the Alexander House Restoration Coordinating Committee for that project – a fast-track rehabilitation that is expected to be completed by January 2002.
- Tricia and Don conducted a site visit to Stricker Ranch/Rock Creek Station to record the chicken coop prior to its removal. Don made a site visit to the Brig at Farragut State Park.

- Don conducted planning consultation with numerous projects this quarter including: Alexander House (Boise), Pioneer Pathway (Boise), New Meadows Depot (N.M.), Mountain Home AFB, and the Coeur d'Alene Federal Building.
- Work nears completion on Kathy McKay's Historic Mining Context. Outside reviewers provided highly favorable comments and the final report is underway.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

- A total of 243 projects were reviewed and entered into our database during this quarter as part of the 106 Review process required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Nineteen sites were determined eligible and 47 sites determined ineligible.
- Suzi and Ken attended a Cultural Resources Management Group meeting at Idaho Power to continue discussions on FERC relicensing of their Hells Canyon dams.
- Glenda and MaryAnne met with Bureau of Land Management staff regarding fire prevention strategies for the Silver City area.
- MaryAnne and Tricia visited the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area to discuss compliance issues at Magruder Ranger Station and groundwater problems at Horse Heaven Cabin. They also visited Fenn Ranger Station in the Clearwater NF to discuss construction of a new visitors center at the historic administration complex.

EDUCATION

- In September, Tricia and Suzi attended the Ada County Courthouse Legislative Task Force meeting to answer specific questions the legislators had about the Courthouse's National Register listing.
- In August, Suzi, Don, and Tricia provided Section 106 training for housing services personnel at Rural Development.
- In August, Don conducted training workshops (National Register, Secretary's Standards, Tax Act) in Mountain Home and Boise. Don and Tricia also conducted another workshop in Mountain Home in September.
- In August, Tricia gave a presentation on the National Register in Star at the request of the Ada County Historic Preservation Council, and also in September in Burley, for the County Commissioners at the Annual Association of Idaho Counties meeting.

- In September Ken and Jake attended a Section 106 workshop in Las Vegas sponsored by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
- Suzi and Larry attended the Lewis and Clark Trail Foundation meeting in Pierre, South Dakota with several representatives from the Idaho Chapter of the Foundation. Suzi will serve as Secretary of the Idaho Chapter.
- Ken prepared an Archaic module outline for MaryAnne's *Project Archaeology* volume.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

- The Advisory Board of the Archaeological Survey of Idaho met in Boise in July. Topics discussed included curation agreements, state support for Survey staff positions, Idaho State University representation on the board, a new archaeological site form, and tribal initiatives to rebury collections.
- John Leier of the Army Corps of Engineers-Walla Walla inspected the Corps' collections at the Archaeological Survey of Idaho-Western Repository.
- Ken and Suzi worked with representatives from Ida-West to provide additional guidance on cultural resources investigations at their proposed Middleton power plant. The plant will be located near the site of the Ward Massacre on the Oregon Trail. Ida-West contracted with archaeological consultants to conduct a metal detector and shovel test survey. No significant materials were identified.
- Suzi accompanied a geophysical survey team from Natural Resources Conservation Service in a survey of the Hudson's Bay Company's post at Fort Boise on the confluence of the Boise and Snake rivers and of a historic cemetery at the Old Pen. Soil conditions prevented good results in both cases. The following day, Trustee Pavesic took the team to a site in New Plymouth. Soil conditions were better, but again no buried features were detected.
- The Capitol Dig discovered how deeply buried 19th century land surfaces are beneath the capitol lawn and State Street. Volunteer enthusiasm and public interest remained high throughout the week.
- Ken and Jake carried out an emergency salvage excavation of a Native American grave near Driggs in the Teton Basin. Skeletal analysis of the badly disturbed burial identified one Indian adult male. Artifacts recovered from the backdirt pile suggest the grave dates to the 1830s, and may be associated with historically documented events in the immediate vicinity.

- Ken is continuing work with Richard Morlan of the Canadian Museum of Civilization to compile an up-to-date register of all radiocarbon dates for Idaho's prehistory.

PERSONNEL

- SHPO hired Jane Quick to replace Lesleigh Owen as Office Specialist for SHPO. Lesleigh left for graduate school at University of California, Santa Cruz. She will be missed! Jane has recently returned to Boise. She previously worked for SSR Realty Advisors, Inc. a real estate investment and property Management Company in San Francisco, CA. Welcome Jane!
- Catherine Banfill was hired to work on the McGraw Creek collection.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

- Gene Place \$68.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- CLG workshop in Riggins May 17 and 18, 2002.
- Spring State Historic Sites Review Board meeting will be in Moscow on April 19, 2002

Respectfully submitted by:

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